

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Sanjay Verma  
Serial No. 10/696,416  
Confirmation No. 5357  
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Examiner: Monica M. Pyo  
Group Art Unit: 2161  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
INCREASING TRANSACTION  
CONCURRENCY BY EARLY RELEASE OF  
LOCKS IN GROUPS  
Date: October 31, 2008

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Responsive to the non-final office action dated July 31, 2008, please amend the application as follows.

Claim amendments begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 10.